

How to correctly name your employer for the Uninsured Employers Fund

In order to get benefits from the Uninsured Employers Fund (UEF) when your employer is illegally uninsured, you must properly name your employer. This means you need to know the legal name of your employer and provide that name with your claim.

There are several ways an employer might be named, depending on the kind of business and how you are or were employed. For example:

- If you're working for one person directly: Name this person by writing the first name, middle initial if known, and last name(s) of the person.
Example: "John A. Smith, an individual"
- If you're working for a business owned by an individual: Name the employer by writing the names of both the owner and the business.
Example: "John A. Smith, individually and doing business as Smith Carpeting."
- If you're working for a business owned by partners: Name the employer by writing the names of the individual partners and the business.
Example: "John A. Smith and Mary B. Smith, individually and doing business as Smith Carpeting."
- If you're working for a corporation: Write the exact name of the corporation. You do not need to name any individuals.
Example: "Smith Carpeting, Inc."
Include the business name if it's different from the corporation name and you know it.
Example: "Smith Carpeting, Inc., a corporation doing business as Fast Rug."

You **MUST** obtain the legal name of your employer. If you don't know it, you can find your employer's name through the city business license filings or the county clerk's office "fictitious business name statement." Business cards, employer stationery and advertisements may also show your employer's legal name. If your employer is a corporation you can find its name through the secretary of state's business portal at www.ss.ca.gov.

Once you have identified your employer correctly, include that name when filing legal papers with the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board.

You can learn more about naming your employer from the Department of Consumer Affairs. See their Web site at www.dca.ca.gov/legal. You can also get more information from your county small claims court office.

If you need help call an Information and Assistance (I&A) office or attend a workshop for injured workers. The local I&A phone numbers are attached to this guide. You can get information on a local workshop from the I&A office or on the Web at www.dir.ca.gov/dwc.

The information contained in this guide is general in nature and is not intended as a substitute for legal advice. Changes in the law or the specific facts of your case may result in legal interpretations different than those presented here.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION APPEALS BOARD DISTRICT OFFICES

ANAHEIM, 92801-1162

1661 N. Raymond Ave., Suite 202
Information & Assistance Unit **(714) 738-4038**

BAKERSFIELD, 93301-1929

1800 30th Street, Suite 100
Information & Assistance Unit **(661) 395-2514**

EUREKA, 95501-0481

100 "H" Street, Suite 202
Information & Assistance Unit **(707) 441-5723**

FRESNO, 93721-2280

2550 Mariposa Street, Suite 4078
Information & Assistance Unit **(559) 445-5355**

GOLETA, 93117-3018

6755 Hollister Avenue, Suite 100
Information & Assistance Unit **(805) 968-4158**

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1562 Grand Avenue
Information & Assistance Unit **(805) 481-3380**

LONG BEACH, 90802-4339

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Information & Assistance Unit **(562) 590-5240**

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320 West 4th Street, 9th Floor
Information & Assistance Unit **(213) 576-7389**

OAKLAND, 94612-1402

1515 Clay Street, 6th Floor
Information & Assistance Unit **(510) 622-2861**

OXNARD, 93030

2220 East Gonzales Road, Suite 100
Information & Assistance Unit **(805) 485-3528**

POMONA, 91768-1601

732 Corporate Center Drive
Information & Assistance Unit **(909) 623-8568**

REDDING, 96001-2796

2115 Civic Center Drive, Suite 15
Information & Assistance Unit **(530) 225-2047**

RIVERSIDE, 92501-3337

3737 Main Street, Suite 300
Information & Assistance Unit **(951) 782-4347**

SACRAMENTO, 95825-2403

2424 Arden Way, Suite 230
Information & Assistance Unit **(916) 263-2741**

SALINAS, 93906-2204

1880 North Main Street, Suites 100 & 200
Information & Assistance **(831) 443-3058**

SAN BERNARDINO, 92401-1411

464 West Fourth Street, Suite 239
Information & Assistance Unit **(909) 383-4522**

SAN DIEGO, 92108

7575 Metropolitan Drive, Suite 202
Information & Assistance Unit **(619) 767-2170**

SAN FRANCISCO, 94102-7002

455 Golden Gate Avenue, 2nd Floor
Information & Assistance Unit **(415) 703-5020**

SAN JOSE, 95113-1482

100 Paseo de San Antonio, Suite 241
Information & Assistance Unit **(408) 277-1292**

SANTA ANA, 92701-4070

28 Civic Center Plaza, Suite 451
Information & Assistance Unit **(714) 558-4597**

SANTA MONICA, 90405-5219

2701 Ocean Park Blvd., Suite 220
Information & Assistance Unit **(310) 452-1188**

SANTA ROSA, 95404-4760

50 "D" Street, Suite 420
Information & Assistance Unit **(707) 576-2452**

STOCKTON, 94202

31 East Channel Street, Suite 344
Information & Assistance Unit **(209) 948-7980**

VAN NUYS, 91401-3373

6150 Van Nuys Blvd., Suite 105
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